

KENTUCKY BOARD OF LICENSURE FOR MASSAGE THERAPY
MINUTES
March 14, 2005

A meeting of the Kentucky Board of Licensure for Massage Therapy was held at the Division of Occupations and Professions, Frankfort, KY on March 14, 2005.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Theresa M. Crisler, Chair
Roger D. Russell, Vice Chair
Barbara E. Cook
Judy L. Seeley
Patricia L. Sazy
Gerald H. Clemons
Kristy A. Kilcoyne

OCCUPATIONS & PROFESSIONS STAFF

Karen Robinson, Board Administrator
John Parrish, Division Director

OTHERS

Cheryl Mooney, Office of the Attorney General
Christie Tavalin
Megan Lavery
Pam Jenkins, Lobbyist for AMTA
Niki Munk, Program Director, LHAA

Board Chair, Theresa Crisler, called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the February 14, 2005 meeting were presented for the Board's review. A motion was made by Roger Russell to approve the minutes as amended. Motion, seconded by Gerald Clemons, carried.

Approval of Financial Statement

The Board reviewed the financial statements for July 1, 2004 through February 28, 2005. After review, Roger Russell made the motion to accept the financial statements as presented. Motion, seconded by Pat Sazy, carried.

The Board has requested that the fiscal staff of Occupations and Professions submit a statement of the costs involved from the February 28, 2005 *special* meeting of the Massage Therapy Board.

Director's Report

John Parrish gave the Board an update on Donna Solheim's condition after last week's car accident in which she was involved. Mr. Parrish announced to the Board that Karen Robinson will be acting as Board Administrator in the interim while Ms. Solheim recovers from her accident.

Chairperson's Report

Theresa Crisler briefly shared with the Board the events of AMTA's meeting she attended February 26, 2005. Ms. Crisler added that questions were raised regarding continuing education approvals; however, no questions were addressed concerning regulations for the practice of massage therapy.

Complaint Review Committee

There were no complaints to report for today's meeting.

Education Approval Committee

Nothing to report at this time.

Application Review Committee

Gerald Clemons made a motion to approve 77 applicants as reviewed. Applications deferred will be reviewed again at the March 22, 2005 application review committee meeting.

At the end of May, the Board requested that the acting Board Administrator send a reminder letter to those who still need to pay the \$75 fee so that they can meet the June 24, 2005 deadline for the grandfather clause. Pat Sazy made a motion that the acting Board Administrator draft letters of reminders and have them reviewed at the March 22, 2005 application review committee meeting and that the following statement be added to the letter, "all documents to complete your file are due in and/or postmarked by June 24, 2005".

The Board would like the acting Board Administrator to draft a sample letter for the application review committee to approve in time for the May 2005 Board meeting.

The application committee reviewed an applicant's file, with the initials, *R.F.* with the rest of the Board. Roger Russell made a motion that this individual's file go through the regular process. Motion, seconded by Kristy Kilcoyne, carried.

Old Business

The status of Senate Bill 17 was briefly discussed however there is nothing to report, as this senate bill did not go through for approval. A discussion followed during which time several members of the board expressed their concern and displeasure that AMTA did not actively support the passage of Senate Bill 17 after the board and AMTA had agreed on the final version of the bill and it had passed both committees. Representatives of AMTA present at the meeting defended AMTA's actions.

Roger Russell made a motion to authorize Theresa Crisler to draft the remaining regulations which include Renewals, Continuing Education and Good Standing and that Ms. Crisler be compensated for the time allotted for completing this. Motion, seconded by Pat Sazy, carried.

The Board agreed that there are no additional regulations to be reviewed considering that Senate Bill 17 did not pass.

The Board would like elections of new Board officers to be added at the end of the June 27, 2005 Board meeting agenda. The acting Board Administrator will need to make a note to have this added to that meeting agenda and especially to put the elections at the end of the agenda.

New Business

The Board reviewed correspondence from Teresa Mahoney concerning estheticians and massage therapy practice. The Board agreed that they need more information from Ms. Mahoney before they can properly respond to her. They requested that Karen Robinson send correspondence to Ms. Mahoney requesting more details and they will review the questions again at the next scheduled Board meeting.

The Board agreed that the process for approving continuing education cannot be addressed at this time as the continuing education regulation is still in development.

The Board reviewed the attorney fees and it was confirmed, as shared by Ms. Mooney, that her attorney fees are \$75 per hour.

Roger Russell asked Mr. John Parrish if there could be a discussion concerning the carryover budget for 2006. Mr. Parrish stated that he would have someone from the Occupations and Professions fiscal section come to next month's meeting to discuss this matter. Mr. Russell requested that Karen Robinson add this topic to next month's agenda.

Approval of Travel and Per Diem

A motion was made by Pat Sazy to approve travel and per-diem for today's meeting. The motion, seconded by Gerald Clemons, carried.

Adjournment

With all business completed, the meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Approved

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Sherrita M. Cusfer", is written over a horizontal line.

Board Chair